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To whom it may concern:

In many ways the solution to the Microsoft case is simple:

LET THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME

However, the settlement, as it now reads, will not provide the above simple remedy -- one which even a small child can understand.

If Microsoft cannot be broken up into separate companies (practically the only outcome which completely solves the problem) then three other solutions come to mind:

1. Force Microsoft to unbundle applications from the operating system.
2. Force Microsoft to give away it's operating system free of charge (which will effect the same result as #1 above).
3. Force Microsoft to release the source code to its operating system into the public domain.

I can think of no other remedies which can appropriately punish Microsoft for their monopolistic tactics. Monetary damages will not hurt Microsoft, and will only enrich lawyers and others closely associated with the case. In the present settlement, the public will lose.

Please do your duty and punish Microsoft.

Thank you,

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